

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2001 AT
1400 HOURS IN CATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE, INSTITUTE AVENUE,
CATRINE**

PRESENT: Councillors William Menzies, Julie Faulds and Provost Jimmy Boyd; Community Representatives: Mr William Crawford, Mr Kevin Dorman, Mr William Lees, Mr James Brown, Mrs Caroline McBride; and Substitute Community Representatives Miss Lorna Phillips, Mr William Frew and Mr Jack Campbell.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Jackson and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor William Menzies, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair advised of the resignation of Dr Iain Brown as a Community Representative, Dr Brown having been the representative of the East Ayrshire (South) Forum on Disability; and that the Forum had now nominated Mr Kevin Dorman, Secretary to the Forum and Mr William Frew, Chair of the Forum, as their new Community Representative and Substitute, respectively.

The Committee agreed to accept the nominations submitted by the Forum and the Chair welcomed Mr Dorman and Mr Frew to the meeting in their new roles.

**COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/01: REFUNDED MONIES
(Item 1(v)(a)(v), Page 967,99/02)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which advised of monies refunded by the Cumnock Community Radio Group under the community grants budget during the 2000/2001 financial year; and invited the Committee to consider, in principle, how these monies should be expended.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position regarding the sum of £1,883.42 refunded by the Cumnock Community Radio Group;
- (ii) in principle, that consideration be given to reallocating the refunded monies to six other organisations who had submitted applications for grant during the current financial year after the closing date of 31 March 2000; and
- (iii) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources submit a further report on the six applications concerned to the meeting of this Committee to be held on 1 February 2001.

DISBURSEMENT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2001/2002

3.1 OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS: SUMMER AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES (Item 11, Page 1373, 99/02)

There was submitted a joint report dated 15 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Educational and Social Services which set out the options available for dealing with applications for community grants from Older People's Groups in respect of Summer and Christmas activities, during the 2001/2002 financial year.

The Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources reported and it was noted, that the rescheduled meeting of older people interested in forming a Forum in the Cumnock Area would take place on 8 February 2001, rather than 5 February 2001, as indicated in Paragraph 3.3 of the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that applications be considered from any Older People's Group; and
- (ii) that in cases where a grant award is to be made in respect of an application submitted, such awards be made on the following basis, namely:-
 - (a) on a per capita basis according to membership numbers, at a reduced rate compared to the current financial year, i.e. less than £3.75; and
 - (b) in addition, any further award of grant be determined on the individual merits of each application and having regard to the amount of the per capita award.

3.2 GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report dated 11 January 2001 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources to enable the Committee to consider arrangements for (a) the submission of applications for community grants during the 2001/2002 financial year; and (b) dealing with applications from certain organisations.

It was agreed in respect of applications for community grant for the 2001/2002 financial year as follows, namely:-

- (i) that local organisations be required to submit their applications, irrespective of when the group's proposed activity/event etc is due to take place, during the year, no later than 31 March 2001 with all applications received by the due date to be considered by this Committee as soon as possible following commencement of the financial year;
- (ii) that in order to facilitate the submission of applications by local groups, the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources arrange (a) for those organisations who applied for community grant funding during the 2000/01 financial year to be advised of the arrangements for applying for next year and to be issued with a community grant application form; (b) for posters to be displayed at Council premises advising of the arrangements; and (c) for an appropriate advertisement to be placed in the local press;
- (iii) that applications for grant received in future in respect of hanging basket projects and Gala Days be dealt with each on their individual merits, rather than on the basis of a flat rate payment as previously;

- (iv) that applications for community grants from young people's uniformed organisations be dealt with as follows, namely:-
 - (a) where appropriate, grants be made to young people's uniformed organisations in respect of general operating costs during 2001/2002 according to membership numbers on a formula basis; and
 - (b) additionally, consideration will also be given to awarding grants to these organisations for project specific purposes, each application in this case to be dealt with on its individual merits; and
- (v) that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources submit a report to the Special Meeting of this Committee for the disbursement of grants for 2001/02 in order to enable the Committee to consider (a) how to deal with applications received; and (b) whether a portion of the financial allocation to be made available to this Committee for community grants for 2001/2002 should be set aside to enable applications for community grant which might be received during the year, from organisations formed during the year and in respect of emergency and cross boundary applications, to be dealt with.

The meeting terminated at 1502 hours.

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